

THE GIRL GRADUATE AND JUNE BRIDE TAKE CENTER OF THE STAGE

NEW YORK, June 3.—"The success of a play depends largely on the costumes chosen." This remark was dropped by one of the leading producers who spends lavish sums upon the "dressing" of his characters. So in daily life the dress of the person either makes or mars her success. With this in mind, the thoughtful



A Thoughtful Combination

woman will realize the charm and influence of her clothes, and give to their selection a sufficient amount of time. When one is well dressed one feels better mentally and physically and the effect of this pleasing atmosphere on the association is most agreeable to both concerned.

This is especially true when one is about to enter into a ceremony. The young girl graduate must look her very best on this meritorious day and if she is not well dressed, surely she can not feel as comfortable as she should. Much depends on her frock, which should be chosen with the uttermost precision.

For Graduation Day
Simplicity, of course, is noted in all frocks for this occasion. The fact that simplicity must rule, however, does not in any way mitigate the variety and charm of the selection. The most appealing things are made on simple lines. The material is an important factor in the development of the frock. The illustration of the frock for the younger girl is an excellent example of this. The lines are extremely simple and there is no trimming, but the exquisite material is sufficiently interesting to substitute for other attractions. The underskirt is developed in plain satin and the tunic and panels of the waist are made of figured Georgette. The puffs of the sleeves are of plain Georgette and the girdle is of satin ribbon.

The frock for the college graduate

features the uneven tunic. The material is artistically draped so that it falls low and rounded on one side and straight and short on the other side. The underskirt is not very narrow, for the fabric being soft falls into pretty folds. The huge bertha is a timely revival, as are the short sleeves. The sleeves, bertha, lower edge of the skirt and tunic are trimmed with insertion. The long uneven lines lend a quiet dignity to the whole make-up.

The Bride Steps Forward
May is the time of preparation for the June bride. There is so much to do. And although she has been planning and preparing, there is always some last-minute touches that must be done. The wedding-gown is the first consideration. The pure white satin of the past is being rather forsaken for the less severe and more flattering cream satin. If jewels are worn, they should be pearls. Pearls have all the naive quality that is so



Featuring the Bertha

necessary in the bridal costume. With one costume of cream satin, the bride wore a long rope of pearls which she wound about her throat in quite a unique fashion.

As usual, satin and lace are the favorites for the bridal dress, but other materials such as crepe de Chine and Georgette may be used for less formal ceremonies.

The Importance of Negligee
There is perhaps no other garment in the trousseau that is more delightful to make than the negligee. With the negligee there are no conventions to be regarded and all the longed-for fancies may be expressed in the illusive folds of the fairy-like fabrics.

The black and white craze seems to have been revived for the negligee. This is a trying contrast and the area of spotting must be adjusted so as to suit each individual. When carefully done, however, it is hard, indeed, to find any combination or contrast that will be as attractive as this.

Canadian horse values in 1918 averaged \$162 per head against \$167 the previous year.

NEXT RED CROSS DRIVE TO COME IN NOVEMBER

An appeal to the American people for funds to carry on the work of the American Red Cross will be made next November, according to the following statement by Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman of the central committee of the organization:

"Appalling conditions in the countries of eastern Europe, imposing on the American Red Cross obligations additional to those assumed during the period of the world war, and the continuance of activities in connection with the already outlined domestic program of the Red Cross, make necessary an appeal to the people of America for further funds to carry on the work for the relief of humanity."

"It has been decided to make this appeal in the autumn, in a period of two weeks culminating on the 11th of November, the anniversary of the signing of the armistice—a season when the American people may properly give manifestation, through contributions to their Red Cross, of their thankfulness for deliverance from added horrors of war which have fallen upon nations less fortunate."

"At present the American Red Cross is bringing to a close its activities in the countries of western Europe, and with the withdrawal of American troops from the war zone its work for the army abroad will end automatically. Disease and suffering of the most heartrending character, however, are calling for relief in other fields. The new international organization of Red Cross societies is preparing to deal with relief and health problems throughout the world in future years, but there are immediate emergencies which require the aid of the agencies already established. And foremost among these agencies is the American Red Cross. At present emergencies are being met with all the resources available; but it is apparent that the imperative calls for assistance for the next year or more will make additional funds necessary."

"It is anticipated that the generous heart of the American people will respond to the appeal to the full extent of the needs that will present themselves."

UNIVERSAL TRAINING NOW SQUARELY BEFORE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Universal military training will command the attention of the Sixty-sixth Congress. Resolutions calling upon the military establishment for its recommendation as to the instruction of the youth of the nation in modern warfare have been drafted and submitted. There will be a contest, the outcome of which is more pregnant of importance to the future of the country than was the institution of military conscription at the outbreak of the war. The resolutions submitted not only will demand statements from the secretary of war and the general staff in Washington, but call upon General Pershing and the overseas general staff for their observations. Before the issue is settled most of our leading army officers will testify before the military committees of the two houses. Plans have already been completed for calling General Pershing and the officers who commanded the corps and divisions overseas, as well as the officers who had charge of the training camps at home. Furthermore, the opinions of the men in the ranks have been and are being sought on this fundamental military policy.

The contest promises to be bitter. Proponents and opponents have their own lines drawn. Anyone that believes so momentous an undertaking can be easily blocked or carried on through is much mistaken. The two forces are quite evenly balanced, if present indications are accurate. Apparently one side is about as strong as the other in point of number and influence and the battle may be expected to surge forward and back for many months to come. In the end the proponents may win, but whether they will get the real out-and-out system of universal military training they desire or will be compelled to be satisfied with some modified system, possibly one closely linked with the National Guard, is a question that can not be answered today. While many members of the Congress are earnest advocates of universal training, there are many others who are undecided what to do or are against it. As the contest develops one may be reminded of the fight for the passage of the first draft act. A majority of the members were opposed to conscription when it was first proposed. But for the stand taken by virile leaders in and out of Congress, it would have been defeated. Even when the time came to vote many members, who answered in the affirmative when their names were called, were afraid that they were signing their political death warrants. They knew they were doing what was right, but they had been led to believe that conscription would be unpopular. The draft, instead of being unpopular, proved to be popular, with the result that some of the members who voted for it with fear and trembling were unafraid on that score when they faced their constituents last fall.

SHE HAD NOT THE HEART

A country woman came along the railway platform and sat on a seat beside a hospital nurse who was waiting for a train. With a sigh of relief she disposed of her parcels and umbrella. Then she began to chat. "Ah," she said, looking at the pretty nurse's uniform, admiringly, "I do not know what we would do without the likes of you."

"Oh, you are too kind," protested the nurse. "I'm sure you do worthy things every day."

"Not me, miss," said the old lady. "I can kill a duck or fowl with the best—that I admit; but when it comes to human beings, my heart fails me."

WANTED TO KEEP HER

Fletcher: "Do you treat your cook as one of the family?"

Andrews: "Good gracious, no. I wouldn't dare."

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BACHELORS MUST NOW PAY FOR "SINGLE BLISS"

The recent reply of Austen Chamberlain in Parliament that he was making inquiries about the taxation of bachelors reminds one that if the tax is imposed it will not be the first time in England.

Many years ago every single man over 25 years old had to pay an annual sum of one shilling (twenty-five cents), a greater amount than that is now, by the way, with a further sum, according to his rank, ranging from five shillings for a gentleman to 12½ 12s (\$62.50) for a duke or archbishop. This tax on bachelors raised more than 50,000 (£250,000) a year, and the number of bachelors was much smaller then than it is now.

Italy, in its new budget, also is proposing to tax bachelors. One of the states of Germany, in 1911, passed a law that all unmarried persons over 30, bachelors and spinsters, should pay an additional 5 per cent income tax on incomes below \$1,500 a year, and 10 per cent on incomes above. The man who brought the bill forward was himself a bachelor.

In Argentina every man over 20 who does not get married is taxed \$5 a month for every month he remains single, till he is 30.

If he has still fought shy of matrimonial bliss at this age, the tax is increased to \$10 a month until he is 35. From 35 to 50 the tax is \$20 a month, and then \$30 a month until he is 75.

Hearty old bachelors over that age, however, are taxed only \$20 a month on the principle that no blushing spinster will look at them.

Of course, even now there is an indirect tax on bachelors, for married men are allowed so much abatement on their income tax for a wife and children. But there was a time when a man was taxed for marrying and having children in England. Years ago, for example, a duke had to pay \$251 for the privilege of getting married, while if the duchess presented him with a son and heir he had to pay out \$150 to the chancellor of the exchequer.

Even those whose incomes were as low as \$250 a year had to pay a tax of seventy-five cents when they got married and fifty cents every time they became a father. Now babies are so scarce that the tendency is all the other way round, to let the fathers off as lightly as possible.

THE COST OF WIVES

What is the market in wives? It is said that among the Ainu the price of one is a bear ham. The Kafir figure varies from four to eight oxen, according to the competition for the particular bride.

A score of cartridges buys a wife in Uganda, and the Australian black gives the weight of his better half in butter, while the Tartars in Turkestan get as many wives as they want at the rate of a box of matches each.

In Wales wives are given away—they are paid for afterward, mostly in weekly installments.

QUALIFIED

"Are you an expert accountant?"

"Yes, sir," said the applicant.

"Your references seem to be all right, but tell me more about yourself."

"Well, my wife kept a household budget for thirty days. One night after dinner I sat down and in less than half an hour found out how much we owed our grocer."

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NO MORE IN DEMAND

Darby: "I saw in a main street window about 100 articles on which the price had been reduced 50 per cent."

Joan (excitedly): "But you've been drinking? But what are they?"

Darby: "Knitting needles."

WHERE HE BELONGED

A little old lady waiting patiently for a street car, but it chanced to be just at that hour when many were going out of service.

When the first one came along she stepped into the street, but the car growled past without even slowing up.

The next one did, however, but the conductor, leaning over the rail, bawled out, "Going to the barn."

Twice this happened and the little old lady, who at first had accepted the "going to the barn" with resignation, had reached the boiling point when for a fourth time a car stopped and the conductor, yanking the bell, chortled, "Going to the barn."

"Well, go to the barn, yuh darn old jackass; it's just where yuh belong," yelled the indignant one, brandishing her umbrella.

WORDS OF WISDOM

A preferred creditor is one who never troubles you.

People who are intoxicated with music must be air tight.

Unpaid bills are sometimes the source of a poet's best efforts.

A record is a fragile thing. You can not lower one without breaking it.

The average young man finds it easier to get a wife than the furniture.

The man who makes proverbs the sole rule of his life never has to take anti-fat.

There can be no objection to a girl trying to peer into the future, but she should never look forward.

Probably nothing hurts a man's vanity more than the discovery that someone has worked a bad nickel on him.

A CASE FOR A VETERINARY

The Doctor: "You have a light attack of broncho-pneumonia."

Woolsey West: "Now, ain't that the toughest luck? Here I've been breaking and riding bronchos all my life and never ketching nothin' from 'em till I come East."

WINDIEST PLACE IN THE WORLD IS IN ALASKA

The stormiest place in all the world is said to be Cape Prince of Wales, which is the westernmost point of Alaska. It is marked by a considerable mountain, 2,210 feet high, and fierce winds blow there perpetually. Storms from the Arctic Ocean assail this inhospitable region all the year round.

On the south side of the mountain are Eskimo dwellings—"igloos" dug underground, and walled and roofed with timbers. No trees grow in that region, but the natives of far northern Alaska have always a plentiful supply of driftwood, carried from the Yukon river by an ocean current that skirts the coast. The underground igloos (constructed to escape the storm and wind) are so built as to form connecting rooms, with communicating doors that are mere holes through which the occupants are obliged to crawl on hands and knees. The only ventilation is afforded by the vertebra of a whale (which serves as an air tube), thrust up through the roof.

On the north (or Arctic) side of the Cape is one of the most prosperous of native villages, whose inhabitants keep and breed reindeer, and sell the meat at a good price to passing ships.

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